

TALKS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS--JOHN PALLAS.

Park Commissioner
Says He Wants to
Help Laborers.

THEATRES HIS FAD

His Early Ambition Was to Be
an Actor and That Brought
Him to New York.

ORGANIZED THE UNION

Never Went to School a Day in
His Life and His Education
Came from Reading at
Odd Moments.

It's a good many years ago--never mind the number, for John Pallas is still a bachelor--that "a small bit" of a person, clinging to the skirts of the only friend he had in the world, a lonely aunt, juggled a paper imitation patent-leather bag through the gates of Castle Garden and asked wonderingly in a Mayo brogue, as he surveyed the scene critically, "Sure is this the promised land?" The aunt told him it was and he said, "Sure then let us be after taking ship back to Westport."

But instead of going back to Westport, Johnnie Pallas' aunt took the road that led to New York. She had friends there and among them she had determined to make a home for herself and for the gooson the sister whom she had laid under the green turf in Ireland, had left to her.

Did All She Could.

"And she did all that woman could do for a boy, without a father or mother, God bless her soul."

It was a good thing to hear John Pallas, Commissioner of Parks of the City of New York, say that. He leaned back in his office chair in the old Arsenal in Central Park to-day and forgot there was any one with him, as his eyes wandered out through a window to the snowy landscape.

"But that's far away now," said the Commissioner turning again to his visitor abruptly. "What can I do for you? What can I say for you?"

"Tell the weather clerk to get busy," was suggested laughingly.

"Sure the devil looks as if he had been off the job, doesn't he? But let me tell you we shouldn't be kidding. We will be thinking that a breath of this weather in the winter of next June would be the right thing."

With a pair of Irish blue eyes looking at me seriously and without a flicker of the lids it isn't an easy matter to drop into small talk, especially when the owner of those eyes is a busy man, whose one ambition is to conduct the affairs of his office that his record shall be a standard for those who come after. He would rather talk about the parks and the men who are working under him for the city.

Has Had to Do Serious Things.

And this man, Pallas, has had to take things seriously all his life. Things didn't go very well when his aunt and himself, after they reached Scranton, and the gooson went into the mines as a breaker boy. He "stayed with the job" until a foolish Welsh lad two or three years his elder tried to "rub it in," and then--well, of course, the Irishman won. After that came the trade of pattern making, then the craft of a machinist, and then--

"Well, I'm not ashamed of it, but some one of these colleagues of yours will be drawing funny pictures about me if I tell," said Commissioner Pallas slowly and with a twinkle in his eyes.

"It will be printed, Commissioner," was suggested warningly; "but if it isn't about a conviction for a felony or something of that kind, tell it."

"Well, I thought there was the making of a great actor in me. Every one of us gets the thought at some time, and I headed for New York with the little money I had and enriched a gentleman in West Twenty-third or Twenty-fourth street who advertised that he made Booths and Barretts and Irvings in from 'three to six lessons.' I took the full course and I went on the stage. Yes, I got there, and I worked hard."

Then the Actors' Union.

"What was my repertoire? Never you mind. I was never in a company that didn't hold its own, from 'The Lights of London' right down the line. Anyway, I organized the Actors' Union. I had always been a union man, and I did something for the men of the stage. I think, besides, I put in just as hard work on the boards as I did when I was a pattern-maker or a machinist or a breaker boy. It's hard work, no matter what you do in this world--that is, if you do your work properly, and if the work is properly done that the joy of working comes in."

"Commissioner, what do you hope to do?" "What would you like to do when the work is done?"

"Stay right here in old New York. I would never do for a gentleman farmer or anything like that. I love the country; I'm a country boy, but I've been in



Commissioner Pallas.

the city too long. I shall be content to stay here and--

"And?"

"Spend whatever spare time may come to me in the theatres. That's what I like to do--go to the theatres. I never went to school a day in my life, and the education I have, with the books that I could read between times, came from them."

Talks About the Parks.

Every little while the Commissioner insisted on getting back to the subject of his work and his men. At this point he flanked his visitor again.

"I want to tell you this much about the parks, because I don't get the chance to break into the newspapers unless it's for a roasting. The present Commissioner of Parks is doing the best that is in the power of any man by the men who are working under him for the city and by the people themselves. I haven't any selfish ends to serve, except that I would like men to say when I leave here that I did things right. This is a great position, I have, and please don't be cynical with me on this score."

"And if I did nothing else than make the poor devil of laborers in this department feel that every little snob of a foreman couldn't make a bit out of him or his earnings, why, I would be proud. Every one of them is just as good a man as I am, and that's the way I treat them. I won't permit browbeating, and I won't stand for anything here that a man in his own business house won't stand for."

One legacy came down to Commissioner Pallas from preceding administrations, and his speaking of the way men should be treated brought the story to mind. When Pallas first took office he noticed that whenever he met a laborer that the man dropped what-

ever he was doing in the park and stood at attention, after the fashion of a soldier. Pallas didn't like it, and he acquired the habit of turning his head away whenever he chanced upon a park employee.

"It's got the swelled head already," the word went around, and finally the Commissioner heard it. "Forthwith an order for all hands to assemble at the Arsenal was issued."

"Look here, men!" said the Commissioner, "you are not here to salute me, but to do your work. That's why I've been turning my head away. Now go back to work, and remember that!"

The Commissioner was asked about this, and he said, modestly, "Oh, that's just a story the men tell."

There came a silence the while the Commissioner pondered over something.

"It's not a good policy to give away trade secrets," he said finally, "but I follow this one rule if you're frank with a man and there's a chance for him to deceive you, he'll think twice before he tries it, and then decide that because you're frank it wouldn't be the best thing to do. Your frankness always makes him think you've got something up your sleeve, and you usually have--honesty!"

The telephone began to ring, and messengers were submitting the cards of callers to the Commissioner when "Come back some day, please, in a social way," and he put the invitation home with a good critic's eye. "Then I'll take you out and we'll look over the works. You will think it's a pretty interesting thing--this commissioner-ship."

And going away from the Arsenal a man thought that it would be well for American institutions if every man from across the Atlantic was as earnest as John Pallas.

MRS. BEIGIN IS FINED \$50.

Was Charged with Obtaining Money Under False Pretences.

Mrs. Evelyn Beigin, of New Haven, who pleaded non vult yesterday to an indictment charging her with obtaining money under false pretences, was arraigned before Judge John A. Blair in the Hudson County Superior Court, Jersey City, to-day for sentence.

She was fined \$50 and costs, and put in charge of the probation officer until the fine and costs have been paid.

This afternoon Mrs. Beigin's counsel, Zigor & Pendergast, and Representative Marshall van Winkle, representing the complainant, Edward Grinslade, will go to the Hamilton Bank of New York, make an inventory of the securities Mrs. Beigin has there, and then settle her account with Grinslade. The fine and costs will then be paid and she will be at liberty.

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SPANISH MINISTRY HAS RESIGNED.

Premier Azcarra Failed to Receive Support, and Resigns With His Cabinet.

MADRID, Jan. 25.--The Ministry has resigned, and King Alfonso has entrusted the Marquis Villaverde to form a new Cabinet. Villaverde, who was Premier before Premier Maura, who resigned Dec. 14 last, refused to give the late Premier Azcarra any assistance in the formation of the latter's Cabinet, which, after about six weeks in office, has now resigned.

Gen. Azcarra had not been able to obtain the support requisite for a continuance in office, so the resignation of his Cabinet had been anticipated.

BISHOP M'DONNELL RECEIVED BY POPE

ROME, Jan. 25.--The Pope to-day received in private audience the Right Rev. Charles E. McDonnell, Bishop of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bishop McDonnell has been named as the Pope's choice as head of the Archdiocese of Boston, and to-day's audience may have some bearing on the matter.

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Owing to the inclement weather, all goods advertised yesterday will be on sale to-morrow.

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To keep up the good business we have had in the usually dull month of January, we have stacked up a pile of \$12.50

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To close out--
Boys' \$3 & \$3.50 Suits and Overcoats, Sizes 8 to 15, To-morrow..... **\$1.66**

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Men's, Women's and Children's Socks and Stockings, selling regularly all over at 15c; here to-morrow at..... 8c

Children's 1x1 ribbed double-knee hose, very elastic, in stainless blacks, all sizes. Men's plain black cotton socks, with silk-embroidered instep, in various styles. Women's plain black cotton hose, double soles. Choice to-morrow (Friday) only..... **8c**

Super Special 25c Hose at 12 1/2 c.

Women's black openwork lace lisle thread hosiery, in six different patterns; made to sell at 25c. Choice to-morrow, Bargain Friday, at..... **12 1/2 c.**

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And in every instance we were splendidly able to meet all demands. It simply emphasized the constant preparedness of the Siegel Cooper Store.

There are Thousands of Good Bargains All Over the Store--Bargains People Want.

We are going on with stock-righting with more than the usual degree of energy, and as a result the number of extra bargains that are blossoming all over the Store is exceptionally attractive. Just before inventory is a period of more than usual fascination for the shopper here.

Women's "Oneita" Combination Suits At Less Than 1/2 Price.

We shall place on sale to-morrow for immediate clearance a lot of Oneita Combination Suits for women at about half their regular price. Some of these garments are classed as "seconds," having a spot or small imperfection, but their wearing qualities are in no wise impaired.

WOMEN'S ONEITA COMBINATION SUITS of ribbed cotton, all sizes 75c quality.	35c	WOMEN'S ONEITA COMBINATION SUITS, pure Australian wool, all sizes \$2.75 quality.	1.50
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WOMEN'S ONEITA COMBINATION SUITS, 3/4 wool, all sizes \$1.75 quality.	75c	WOMEN'S FLEECE RIBBED COTTON SIDE-BAND DRAWERS.	15c

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BOYS' HEAVY FLEECE-LINED SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, qualities up to 50c. All sizes. **15c**

CHILDREN'S RIBBED VESTS AND PANTS, qualities up to 35c. **12 1/2 c**

MISSIE'S COMBINATION SUITS, qualities up to \$1.00. **39c**

(Siegel Cooper Store, Main Floor, East of Fountain.)

Men's Colored Negligee Shirts.

The sale begins to-day offering 18,000 Men's Shirts, the entire surplus stocks of a reliable manufacturer.

It is an exceptional chance for men who are planning ahead.

Materials are good and patterns new, in light and dark grounds; all fast colors.

Cut full and guaranteed to fit. Pearl buttons; split neckband; flat felled seams and gusset.

Link cuffs to match. Sizes 14 to 18. **39c**

Excellent Shirts at (Siegel Cooper Store, Main Floor, East of Fountain.)

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6.50 For Men's Suits and Overcoats.

A Special Sale That Will Interest Many Men.

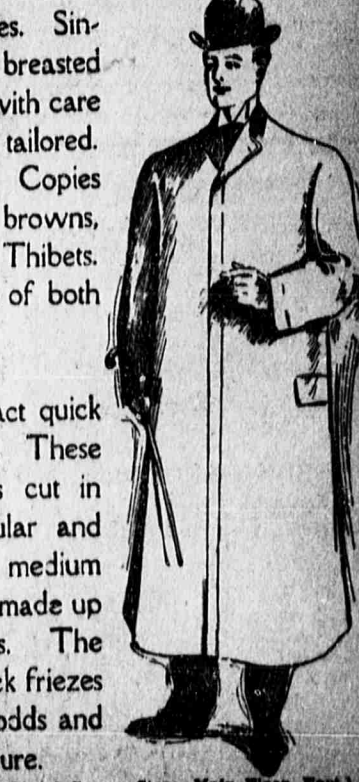
Days like yesterday prove the need of warm, protecting clothing. Here is a chance for the man who cares for himself.

At 6.50 are excellent values. Single and double breasted the Suits sack suits, made with care and correctly tailored. Serge lined, broad-shoulder effects. Copies of high-priced models. New browns, grays, stripes, overplaid and black Thibets. All sizes from 33 to 46 for men of both regular and stout builds.

At 6.50 will attract quick attention. These the Overcoats overcoats cut in the popular and comfortable long style, also in the medium lengths. The long overcoats are made up from oxford and black coatings. The shorter coats are of oxford and black friezes and blue and black kersey. Not odds and ends, but sizes 33 to 46 breast measure.



(Siegel Cooper Store, Main Floor, East.)



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7238 Help Wants Last Week

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Act Quickly

and you will secure a bargain. These Pianos are from Brooklyn's best homes--most of them famous makes--and if they were uprights, would be worth hundreds of dollars. We have put them all in excellent condition, and for music giving satisfaction there is nothing to equal them for the money.

These Pianos have been divided into two lots for your convenience in selection. No Piano below \$25.00 and none above \$50.00. This list will give you an idea of the importance of this sale.

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